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Identical letters dated 29 June 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions of my Government, I transmit herewith a letter of complaint concerning the abduction of Lebanese citizen Imad Hassan Atwi from Lebanese territory by Israeli enemy forces on 27 June 2010 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 15, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nawaf **Salam**
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Annex to the identical letters dated 29 June 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On 27 June 2010, at 3 p.m., Israeli enemy forces kidnapped Lebanese citizen Imad Hassan Atwi, while he was herding his flock inside Lebanese territory on the outskirts of the village of Saddanah, located between Shab'a and Kafr Shuba. Israeli enemy forces bound, blindfolded and beat him in full view of United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) personnel, who attempted to intervene. But the hostile Israeli forces quickly withdrew into the occupied Shab'a Farms, dragging Mr. Atwi on the ground more than 300 metres. They led him into a tent behind the Blue Line where they beat him and tortured him into unconsciousness. Israeli enemy forces then took him into the Occupied Palestinian Territory where he was interrogated by Israeli intelligence. On 28 June 2010, at 2.15 p.m., approximately 24 hours after having kidnapped him, Israeli enemy forces handed over Mr. Atwi to UNIFIL at the Naqurah crossing. The Force in turn handed him over to the Lebanese Army, which took him to hospital because of his extensive bruises, contusions and other serious physical injuries. This act is a flagrant violation of Lebanese sovereignty, Security Council resolution 1701 (2006), international law and international humanitarian law. It affirms yet again Israel's disdain for international resolutions and determination to pursue its aggressive and provocative policies, and the threat that Israel persistently poses to international peace and security.